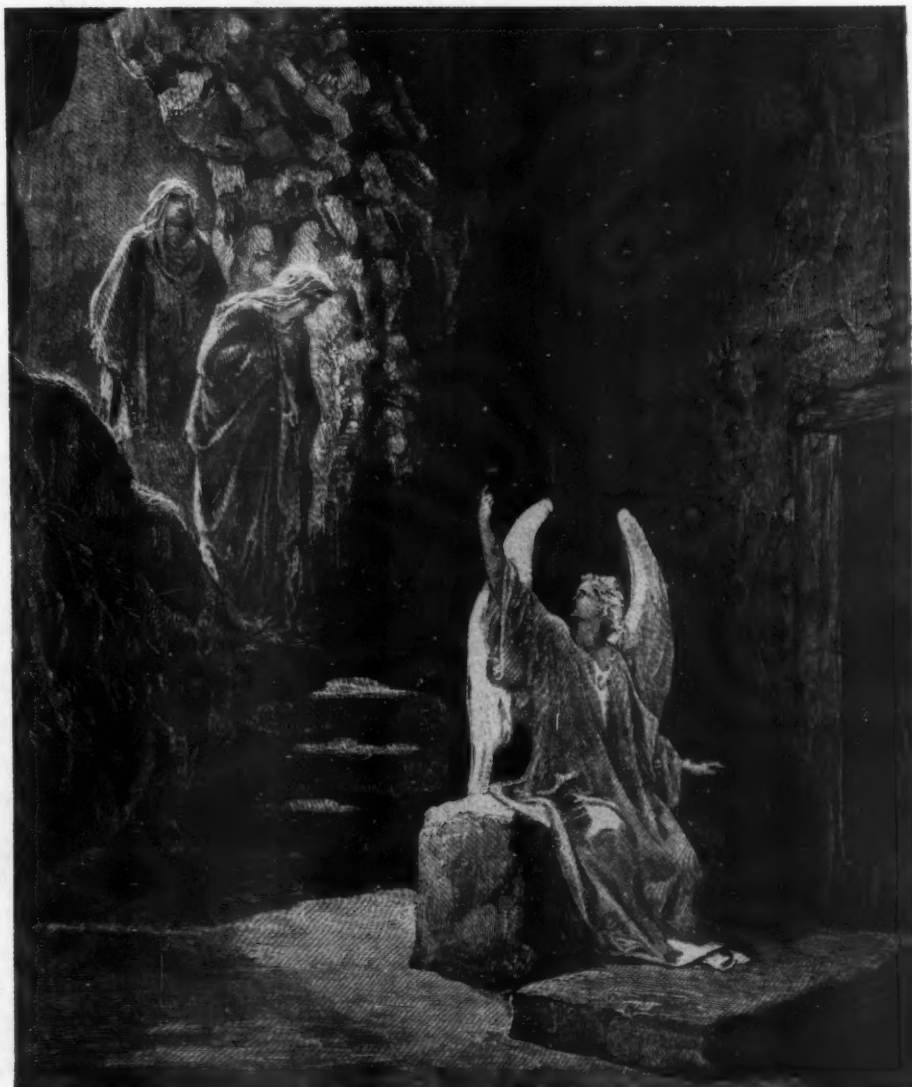


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### Has Read Evangel 20 Years

**To the Editor:**

I have been reading the Evangel for better than 20 years and I think it is wonderful. I would not want to be without it in my home. Many times I have found encouragement in the Evangel. I like the editor's message, the testimonies, and the news we get of our missions work throughout the world. I like to read my copy and then pass it on to others.

MRS. F. R. LAYELL  
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## Rather Miss Food Than Evangel

**To the Editor:**

I have been a reader of the *Evangel* for many years. When I do without it, it will be because I can't get the money. I had rather fast a few days to get the money than to do without the *Evangel*. I don't want to go back to past years although they were good and I have many old copies that I wouldn't take anything for. But the *Evangel* is like this good salvation: it gets better all the time. I was saved when I was about 13 years of age. Ten years later I heard holiness preached. I was sanctified in 1912 and was filled with the Holy Ghost in 1913. I received the Holy Ghost in an old log house that was falling down. I walked three miles through mud shoe-mouth deep to get there. I would not take the world for the experience I got that night. It has kept me through the years; in trouble of all kinds He has been my Comforter and will be to the end, for He promised never to leave us. I am glad that people can get the same experience in a modern church house and ride there in a nice car. I am truly thankful to God for the nice places we have to worship God and for godly leaders. I know they are blessings sent from a loving Father. I am so happy in His love and want my life to be pleasing in His sight. I want to be working in His vineyard until He comes or calls me home.

Just a word to Sister Irene

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Wales concerning her article in the March 4 issue. I teach a primary class of boys and many times as I prepare my lesson I have wished I could just shake her hand and tell her how much I appreciate the fine literature. It makes teaching a pleasure. May God bless her and everyone that works and labors to make things better. Surely it is upward under Christ.

MINNIE THOMASON

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## The Evangel in College

**To the Editor:**

I have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost for almost two years now. I joined the Church of God a year ago last December and have received the Evangel since that time. I thought that it was about time that I sent a word of praise to you for the blessings that I have received of the Lord because of reading this fine evangelical magazine. My heart has been relieved as I have read many of the very inspiring articles contained in the pages of the Evangel.

As you know, Houghton College is an evangelical Christian college operated by the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The **Evangel** and **Lighted Pathway** are the only Pentecostal periodicals, except for Oral Robert's magazine, that our college library receives. I have noticed that these magazines are read frequently by the students. They have told me how much they enjoy them, and several have said that they enjoy our articles on salvation so much that they might go as far as to say that some of these articles are the best written in any evangelical magazine today. I enjoy the special sections best of all—especially the testimony section and the new section which appeared for the first time in the March 4 **Evangel** entitled "Spreading the Flame." My roommate reads my copy of the **Evangel** and has said that he gets the greatest blessing from reading the page of healings. It is just so wonderful that the Church of God has a magazine as good as the **Evangel**. This magazine is one of the best witnesses of the full gospel that is in print today. Praise God for it!

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# to calvary for us

**D**URING THE EASTER season we naturally think much about God's plan of redemption for mankind. In our thinking we reflect upon Calvary and the Resurrection. Of course, before there could be a Calvary, there had to be a Bethlehem. Thus, we find ourselves including the whole life of Christ in our thoughts at this time of the year.

A verse which beautifully and concisely presents the redemption story is 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Let us look closely at each part of this verse.

## "THOUGH HE WAS RICH"

When was Christ rich? He was not rich at His birth. We are told that Mary and Joseph came to an inn on the night of Jesus' birth, but there was no room in the inn. They took the Holy Child and placed Him in the manger. That was His cradle. He was as poor as the poorest at His birth; yet Paul said He was rich. When? Was it when He grew older? When He was a young child, Herod, a wicked king, sought to kill Him, and an angel warned Joseph in a dream to flee with Him into Egypt. In obedience to the warning he took the young Child and His mother and fled as he was told. They were poor, homeless wanderers, fleeing from the ungodly king. When the time came to return to Palestine, they went to, and dwelt in, Nazareth. There the Lord Jesus grew up, and there He was known as "the carpenter," and although He worked as a carpenter, He still did not become rich.

Did Jesus become rich after He began His ministry? No, for He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20).

Jesus was never rich while He was on this earth. When, then, was He rich? Jesus was rich when He was with His Father in heaven. All heaven was His. Riches such as God alone has, were His; but He left them all for us.

## "HE BECAME POOR"

In Philippians 2:7, 8, Paul said that Jesus "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." The poverty of Jesus was purely voluntary. He stooped to it. He embraced it. "No one took

By Robert Humbertson





from off His brow the crown of heaven, He laid it aside; no one stripped Him of His royal robes, He unrobed Himself; no one paralysed the arm of His power, of Himself He chose our weakness; no one shrouded Him in mortal flesh, of His own will He assumed the limitations and bonds of our nature" (James Hastings).

I have written of the poverty in which Christ was born and the poverty of His life, but, after all, that is not the worst kind of poverty. To have friends who will comfort and help us, to have them care for us when we are sick, and show love and sympathy when we are dying—we are not really poor if we have friends like that. The time came for Jesus to die. Did He have friends to help Him and cheer Him? No, His disciples forsook Him and fled, but was this Christ's deepest poverty? No, for even though men forsake us in trouble, still we can be comforted by God. Did Jesus have this sustaining comfort? Listen to the cry of anguish that burst from His sorrow-stricken heart while He was on the cross—"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Then Christ was in His deepest poverty. God turned away His face from His beloved Son, and left Him alone to suffer and die. Why? "For your sakes." If we had to meet God in our sins, with all the guilt upon our souls, He would have to turn His face away from us, and leave us in the darkness forever. God cannot look upon sin, and, so, when Christ was dying for us, bearing our sins, God turned His face away from Him that He might look in love and grace on us!

**"THAT YE THROUGH HIS POVERTY  
MIGHT BE RICH"**

Thank God for the richness of His redeeming love. Thank God for the new life we have through Christ. Having experienced His saving grace, we know the true joy of living. We find our greatest happiness and peace in doing God's will. Redemption has made us rich. We are now the sons of God, for John declared, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." Writing to the Romans, Paul said, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. . . . The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

Through Christ we are rich now, but we are going to be even richer. Christ is now preparing a mansion for us. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

In his first epistle the Apostle John wrote, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Yes, Christ became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich, but although the riches of God's grace are for all, no one can have them unless he

comes to Christ and trusts Him as his Saviour. No one can have these riches unless he confesses his sins. There will be lost souls who will wait forever, "Jesus became poor that I might be rich, but I loved my sins more. Now I am lost and there is no hope. I must be poor, poor, poor, forever."

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross of Calvary for your redemption. If you accept Him today as your personal Saviour, you will become a partaker of the riches of His grace.



## At The Tomb

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer

*They came to the quiet garden  
In the early morning gloom,  
An there in the shadowed darkness  
They found an empty tomb.*

*They brought their scented spices  
To anoint the hallowed dead,  
But found, to their glad amazement,  
The living Lord instead.*

*Their hearts were heavy-laden,  
Bowed down with deep despair,  
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,  
Lo, Jesus was standing there.*

*They thought all hope had ended  
With Calvary's dying breath,  
But they found a wondrous Saviour,  
Triumphant over death!*

*On that wonderful Easter morning,  
In a garden sweet with dew,  
He came from the grave—a world to save—  
To live and reign anew.*

*So oft in the midst of sorrows  
When hope seems cold and dead,  
With lifted eyes, we too may see  
An empty tomb instead!*



# BEHOLD MY HANDS

By Ralph E. Northrup

*"Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and BEHOLD MY HANDS; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," John 20:27.*

*"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends," Zechariah 13:6.*

**O**UR HANDS PLAY A more important part in our lives than many realize; they denote character as well as identification.

We use our hands to catch, to hold, to push away, to press, to soothe, to pull, to lift, to perform countless labors. Our hands are different; the fingers are different shapes. Some persons' hands are long and slender, others are short and stubby, and the lines on the palms, the fingernails, and other characteristics, often reveal the type of employment in which they

have been used. Hands also help denote one's character as well.

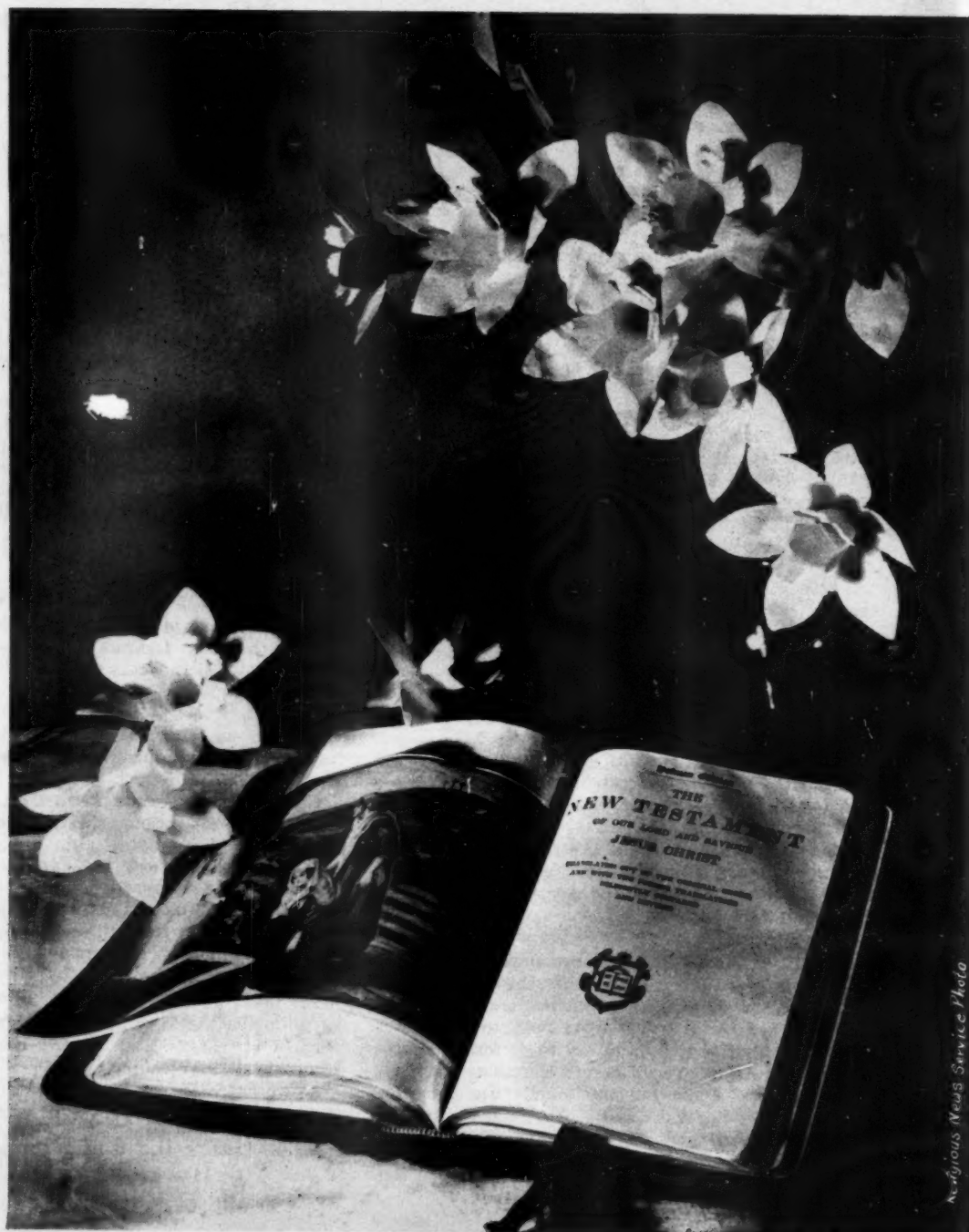
One who picks cotton for a living continually will have short, stubby fingers, often worn flat and broad on top; the hand of an auto mechanic and an industrial machinist will have grease imbedded in the creases and under the nails of the fingers, regardless of how much they may wash their hands. One can tell by his hands, whether a person works much or lives a life of ease. A gambler's hands also tell on him, if one will but note them closely.

For many years now our various departments, such as the police, military and governmental offices, have learned to classify and identify their employees and record various criminals by the use of fingerprinting.

As we noted the words "behold my hands" in John 20:27, we at once realized there must be more in this statement of Christ's than meets the casual eye, so we

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# ***Resurrection Facts***





By H. D. Williams

**T**HE WRITERS of the four Gospels agree that there are three successive steps in the evidence of the reality of Christ's resurrection. These are listed in order, as follows:

First, let us consider the empty tomb as evidence of His resurrection. There are vital questions to reckon with if we doubt His resurrection. What became of His body if He did not rise? Is it reasonable to believe that the disciples overpowered the guards and stole the body of Jesus away? If some doubted when they saw Jesus, it is not surprising that some doubt now. It has been nearly nineteen centuries since our Lord was on earth among men in visible form. Too often, doubt feeds on itself. We will do well to accept the scriptural evidence of His resurrection.

How could men who had reached such depths of despair, so suddenly wake up to such great confidence, if no resurrection had occurred to revive their faith? In his letter to the church at Corinth, Brother Paul says there were some five hundred brethren who had seen the Lord at once after His resurrection. Most of these brethren still lived at the time of Paul's writing. A few man-fearing, money-hungry men might be bribed to tell a lie, but it is not reasonable to think that five hundred Christian men would testify to His resurrection if it had not happened; knowing full well that to continue giving such testimony would mean their being cast out of the synagogue and persecuted by men.

None denied that He died on the cross. In his Gospel, chapter 27, Matthew says that the chief priests, scribes and elders all witnessed His death on the cross. Some of them were there through the whole ordeal. When Christ cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" one of them took a sponge filled with vinegar and gave Him to drink. The rest said, "Wait, let's see if Elias will come to save Him." When He was pronounced dead, His body was prepared for burial in a new tomb where no one had been buried. The chief priests and Pharisees requested Pilate to seal the tomb and place guards there to keep the disciples from moving His body. Neither the religious leaders, common people, or Roman soldiers denied that Jesus died and was buried; nor did they deny that the tomb was empty on the third day after His crucifixion.

To satisfy the Jews, the soldiers agreed, for a price, to tell that while they slept the disciples stole the body away. To protect the soldiers, the Jewish leaders pleaded with the Roman government not to discipline the soldiers for their behavior.

It seems that certain good women were the last to leave the burial scene, and the first to see the empty tomb. They came to anoint, Saint Mark says, the body of Him whom they regarded with a deep reverent love, saying, "Who will roll away the stone?" Imagine their mixed emotions when they saw the stone had already been moved! Imagine their fear when they saw not the lifeless form of Jesus but rather an angel from heaven whose countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow!

**SECOND, LET US CONSIDER** the testimony of the angel as evidence of Christ's resurrection. The soldiers lay on the ground as dead men. The earthquake and the sight of one angel frightened them into utter helplessness. The presence of the angel brought consternation to the soldiers. To the good women, however, it brought comfort and consolation. The guards had cause to fear. Not so with those faithful women. "Fear not," said the angel to them, "for I know that ye seek Jesus which was crucified." Here the angel confirms Christ's death. "He is not here. Come see the place where the Lord lay." There was something perhaps of general reproof in those words. The Lord had said again and again that He would arise the third day. His disciples should have remembered His words. They should not have been hopeless, but hopeful, on this morning. They should have looked forward to this occasion, but, as we do, they allowed circumstances to cause fear and anxiety.

Only John had stayed by the cross. No apostle, as far as we are told, witnessed the burial. The angel charged the women, "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead." As evidence, "Tell them the tomb is empty." As further evidence, "Tell them that an angel has confirmed His resurrection."

They went at once; they ran; their hearts were filled with mixed feelings. There was fear but there was also joy which overcame fear. The Lord was risen! As they went, suddenly, in a moment, they met the Master. They looked once more upon His holy face which was no longer stained with blood or fixed in death but gazing upon them in loving compassion. This was the fulfillment of His words when He said, "Ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again and your hearts shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you."

Third, let us consider the appearance of Christ as evidence of His resurrection. The presence of the Lord brings joy and blessed assurance to the Christian. On that same day He appeared to two of the disciples while on their way to Emmaus. His words were so assuring they said one to the other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the way!" They returned immediately to Jerusalem and found gathered together the Eleven and them that were with them. As they testified to His resurrection Christ appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be unto you." He opened their understanding and said, "Ye are witnesses of these things," after which He lifted His hands and blessed them. He was parted

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# The Living Christ of a Living Church

By Paul S. Cook

**T**HE FOUNDERS OF the major religions, other than Christianity, are dead, even by the admission of their own most devoted followers. The Christian religion is unique in its fundamental belief that Christ, the Source and Head of the Church, is still alive; and that His living influence contributes to the spiritual life and power of every member of the body.

The Apostle John had witnessed the post-resurrection appearances of Christ. He had stood with the other disciples on the Mount of ascension, and had heard Christ's commission to evangelize the world with its related promise of power for witnessing. Sixty-three years later, during the height of the fiery persecution to which the infant church was subjected, John was exiled upon the remote island of Patmos. Boiling oil had not been able to quench the white-hot heat of his fervor for Christ, but now he was isolated from his friends, with no one to whom he could preach. In his loneliness, John needed reassurance. It was at

this time that Christ came to him in a vision. Standing in the midst of the candlesticks which represented the churches, John saw the glorious living Christ, resplendent in His heavenly attire, vibrant with the power of eternal life. He heard Him utter these reassuring words: "Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Revelation 1:17, 18). What a marvelous revelation to a discouraged apostle! This inspiring vision prepared the heart of John to receive the revelation of things to come: those momentous events relating to the antichrist, the tribulation, the New Jerusalem and the millennial reign.

The vital concept that Christ is alive will keep the individual Christian, and in a larger sense the Church, dynamic. It was this that the Apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection." He had come into contact with that life-giving force in a room on a street called Straight, with the anointed hands of the obedient servant of God upon his head. The scales fell from his eyes, enabling him to see the world in a new light. Later, while writing one of his epistles, he described this experience with the words: "Old things have passed away, and behold, all things have become new." There were times, however, when the "heavenly vision" became dim, and he needed the reassurance that Christ indeed was living. On one occasion Paul was on a boat destined for Rome. In the midst of his voyage a howling storm arose which threatened to rend the ship. He was a prisoner, herded among other common criminals who had violated the laws of imperial Rome. What a predicament! In the midst of these, the most adverse of circumstances, came the vision of a living Christ with words of comfort and reassurance.

**WHEN THE EVANGELISTIC** fervor begins to falter in the Church, let us remind ourselves that the spark which activated the early Church was not only the anointing of the Holy Ghost, but also the dynamic fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This was the vibrant theme of New Testament preaching. The Church of God preachers of that day actually believed that their leader, Jesus, was alive! They had seen Him! He had spoken unto them! And wherever they went thousands believed them, until ultimately their infectious enthusiasm and earnest witness stormed and won the entire Roman empire. Alive for evermore! That was the amazing news which captured the ancient world, and that is the message that has changed the lives of millions ever since.

Every minister of today should have a vital insight into the real meaning of life with a risen Lord. It is not enough to preach eloquently about the resurrection; the Christ-life must be lived consistently. Such a life will produce a burning compassion for lost souls. It will call forth an alertness to take advantage of every opportunity to advance the kingdom of Christ. It will

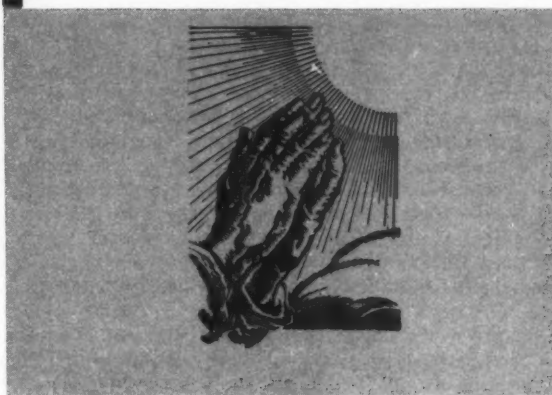




drive one to his knees in intercessory prayer for doomed multitudes. Not only the minister, but every Christian needs to know the true meaning of a risen Lord. It is not enough to sing, "I know He lives, for He lives within my heart," but such a life will produce a faithful church member. When Jesus truly lives within the heart, such a person will not stay away from midweek prayer service at the least excuse. He will cooperate in the program of advancement of His church, and he will not be stingy in his support of Christ's cause. He will stand ready to serve in any capacity that the pastor or church officers may deem fit.

In this day of jaded spiritual appetites may we gaze at the empty tomb and there catch the triumphant note of the resurrection which will awaken the slumbering chords of our inner being. Much emphasis is being placed on the miraculous, and thousands are being disillusioned by pseudo-miracles. Some are even anxiously awaiting the "mass miracle." The miracle of all ages and one that will transform lives from defeat to victory, from doubt to belief, from despair to hope, is that of Christ's triumphant conquest over death, hell and the grave, and that because He lives, we, too, can live. We need the personal awareness of the power that produces such a miracle.

This is a nuclear age; it is an age of frustration. Men's hearts are failing them for fear. It is a time of



peril. Civilization is tottering on the brink of annihilation. The world apprehensively shudders under the pall of atomic fall-out. Where are we headed? What will take place? What catastrophe awaits the human race? Since Christ has risen from the dead and is now alive, those who trust in Him have no fear. Man has always dreaded the unknown. The dark tomorrow that lies behind the mysterious veil which hangs between the stage of this life and the next, fills the heart of man with dread foreboding. But whatever terrors it may hide, Christ has vanquished them in utter defeat. His reassuring, calm, confident voice speaks to us this Easter season: "Be not afraid . . . only believe."



### BEHOLD MY HANDS

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began to reread and search the Scriptures prayerfully. The Spirit of the Lord helped us to note that, first, Jesus desired to prove to Thomas that He was the same Person who had been crucified and buried. By revealing the nailprints in the palms of His hands, He proved He was not an impostor; that He was the same one Thomas had followed as a disciple, the same who had stated prior to the day of crucifixion that on the third day He would rise again. Here is evidence to restore Thomas' confidence and to help him believe the astounding truth, that Jesus was not dead any more, but was alive, and this person speaking to him and showing him His hands, was Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Oh, what a revelation to Thomas! No wonder he, with a heart now beating loudly with joy and intense excitement, exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

There is more contained in the expression "Behold my hands" than just to identify Himself by the nailprints. Let us notice the prophetic words contained in Zechariah 13:6, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

The nail-pierced hands also reminded Thomas and



the other disciples, and remind all of us that "he came unto his own and his own received him not," and that from them He had received these terrible wounds. He did not receive them because He was trying to save His own life, but He received these wounds in His hands because He came to rescue (save) His people from their sins. He came to deliver us from the enemy; He purchased us with His own life's blood. Therefore, we are no more our own, but we belong to Him. "Be not faithless, but believing." Oh, what a challenge to Thomas, and not only to him, but to all of us. In John 14:19, Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

We are in debt to Christ; we owe Him our lives. Do you believe it? Can you utter along with Thomas, "My Lord and my God"? If so, forgiveness of sin and eternal life are yours.

TO ILLUSTRATE the meaning of this important truth more vividly, let me tell of a true incident that happened a few years ago concerning an infidel named William Dixon and a little boy named Dickie Winslow:

In the village of Brackenthwaite, old Peggy Winslow's cottage caught fire and burned to the ground; the aged woman was pulled out alive, but later died. However, while they were pulling her out of the burning building, they heard a cry. Up in an attic window stood a shrieking little boy, Peggy's orphan grandchild. It seemed too late to save the boy, for already the stairs had fallen in. Suddenly William Dixon rushed to the burning building, climbed up an iron pipe that extended along the side of the cottage, reached the boy and brought him safely, amid cheers, to the hands of waiting folks below, just as the smoking wall fell.

Dickie was not hurt, but the hand with which Dixon held to the hot pipe was terribly burned. The burn later healed but left a terrible scar.

What was to become of little Dickie Winslow? James Lovett, a most respected man of the community, begged that Dickie be given to him for adoption, as they had lost their boy some years before. To everyone's surprise, Will Dixon made a similar request, so a meeting was called. It was first decided that it would be better for Mr. and Mrs. Lovett to have the boy, as Will Dixon was an infidel, and he would be a bad influence on the young boy's life, even though Dixon had saved his life. There was much discussion on the matter. Mr. Lovett stated what he would do, and why he believed he should have little Dickie; then Will Dixon was asked why he desired little Dickie.

"I have only one argument, sir, and it is this," answered Dixon quietly, as he took the bandage off his left hand and held up the deeply scarred member. When the question was put to the vote, the meeting decided by a majority in favor of William Dixon. Dixon took good care of little Dickie, and Dickie often would weep over Dixon's injured and scarred hand, and kiss it, always remembering that his new daddy had received that scarred hand saving his life.

One summer there was an art exhibition in the town and they went to see it. The picture that impressed Dickie most was a picture of the Lord reproving Thomas; underneath were the words "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands" (John 20:27).

Dickie read the words and said, "Please, Daddy, tell me the story of that picture."

"No, not that one."

"Why not that one?" Dickie asked.

"Because it's a story I do not believe."

"Oh, that's nothing," urged Dickie; "you don't believe the story of Jack the Giant-Killer; yet it's one of my favorites. Do tell me the story of the picture. Please, Daddy."

So Dixon told the story, and it interested him greatly.

"It's like you and me, Daddy," said the boy. "When the Lovetts wanted to get me, you showed them your hand. Perhaps when Thomas saw the scars on the Good Man's hands he felt that he belonged to Him."

"I suppose so," answered Dixon.

Dickie said, "It would have been horrid of me if I had contradicted them when they told me about you and the fire, and said I didn't believe you had done it, wouldn't it, Daddy?"

"I don't want to think about it, my boy."

"But perhaps he loved the Good Man after that, though—like I love you. When I see your poor hand, Daddy, I love you more than millions and millions," continued Dickie.

Tired little Dickie finally fell asleep, and Dixon sat near the boy's bed thinking. He could not get out of his thoughts the picture of that tender, sorrowful face which had looked down on him from the walls of the exhibition hall. He did not yield to this influence at once, but his love for Dickie had softened his heart, and the seed that was dropped in it that day did not fall on stony ground.

Several days later, Dixon's heart became as that of a little child, and he found out by reading the Bible that, as Dickie belonged to him, so he belonged to the Saviour who had been wounded for his transgressions. He gave himself up body, soul and spirit into the keeping of those blessed hands which had once been pierced for him.

OTHER THOUGHTS, no doubt, flashed into Thomas' mind as he saw Jesus' hands and heard His words "Behold my hands." He remembered those same hands before they were pierced by cruel nails; they were tender hands, strong hands, hands filled with power and yet so gentle. How often had he seen Him lay those hands on fevered brows, touch diseased bodies, thrust His fingers in deaf ears, touch tongues that had never spoken words, and behold they became well and normal! He had seen Him lift little children and cuddle them, lay those strong, powerful, tender hands on little heads and bless them.

With those same hands He had taken five loaves of bread and two little fishes and had multiplied them until over 5,000 persons were fed at one time.

What hands, how wonderful! Those hands gave forth the true character of this humble One, this great One, this compassionate Son of God. "My Lord and my God; He is mine and I am His." What gladness, what joy this revelation must have brought to the heart and mind of Thomas, and will bring to you and to all who will be not faithless, but believing. "He is the resurrection and the life."

This Easter time, whatever you do, do not forget His challenge to Thomas. What He said to him is also to all of us: "Behold my hands." When you see them through the eyes of faith, think, "He rescued me; He did it for me; oh, how I love Him for that." Yes, my name is engraved in the palms of His hands, and I, too, submit my body, soul, and spirit into the keeping of those blessed hands, for "he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away," Revelation 21:4.

Can you in your mind's eye see Him take those wonderful hands and wipe away all tears? Well, He will, and then our joy will be full. Do not forget His words: "*Behold my hands.*"

*Have you failed in your plan of your storm-tossed life?*

*Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand.*

*Are you weary and worn from its toil and strife?*

*Place your hand in the nail-scarred hand.*

*He will keep to the end; He's your dearest Friend.*

*Oh, why hangs He there 'gainst the cloud-darkened skies?*

*Oh, why as a sinner this holy One dies?*

*Through hatred they slay Him nor yet understand,*

*'Tis for you they are driving those nails through His hands.*

*Beautiful hands, beautiful hands,*

*Pointing the lost ones to heavenly lands;*

*Beautiful hands, beautiful hands;*

*Oh, why do you slight them, those beautiful hands?*



## RESURRECTION FACTS

(Continued from page 7)

from them and carried up into heaven, while they worshipped Him with great joy.

Let us consider the initial outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the believers at Pentecost as further evidence of His appearance before the Father in heaven, for He had said unto them, "It is needful for you that I go away. If I go not away the Comforter will not come; but if I go I will pray the Father and he will send you another comforter." Let us consider His appearance before the Father as our Intercessor and High Priest as further evidence of His resurrection. Then, let us go boldly before His throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Notice

IN WITH THE NEW!

OUT WITH THE OLD!

For full particulars on NEW Sunday School literature, see back outside cover.

The Church of God in McMinnville, Tennessee, will dedicate their new building Sunday, April 28. The Reverend W. C. Byrd, Overseer of Tennessee, will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief, will speak at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

—Calvin C. Wigley, Pastor

Anyone having friends or relatives in Iceland A.P.O. 81 who are interested in contacting Church of God members, please notify S/Sgt. Johnnie B. Harrell, 932 Nd. A. C. W. Sq. Box 70, APO 81, New York, N. Y. Send me the addresses and I will do my best to contact them.

We have obtained a building in Bordertown, New Jersey, and will begin services on March 17. If anyone has friends or relatives living in or near Trenton, Bordertown, Fort Dix (McGuire Air Base), or vicinity, please write me immediately and I will do my best to contact them.—Henry C. Stoppe, Overseer of New Jersey, 186 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey.

## Correction

In the March 4 issue of the *Evangel*, the church at St. Marys, Georgia, was listed as being organized August 30, 1956, with fourteen members. This should have read: organized in September with seven members transferred.

I would like to buy a used Matthew Henry or a Clark Commentary to be given as a gift to our Roumanian Bible Institute in Bucuresti. Used books are permitted to pass the customs house when I visit the churches there again in May. Anyone having such books please write to: Reverend P. Budean, 184 Victor Avenue, Detroit 3, Michigan.





### **Nervous Condition Healed**

TOCCOA, Ga.—I am praising God for sending His Son Jesus into the world that we might have life. When I came to Toccoa I was nervous and did not go to church. I needed Jesus more in my life so I went to the Church of God. The pastor, Brother Herring, called a healing line. I went to be prayed for, and when he prayed for me I was relieved. I had a sore on my neck and my family wanted me to see a doctor, but I knew the Lord would heal me. I had several to pray for my healing and, praise the Lord, He removed the sore from my neck. However, I had to be willing to give up the habit of snuff before I could get deliverance. Now my neck is well, my nerves are better, and I thank God for it. Without Him we cannot do anything, but with Him we can do all things.

—Mrs. Ruth Lowery

### **Healed of Spinal Arthritis**

WALLINS CREEK, Ky.—I thank God for His healing power. I fell and broke my back about eight years ago; then arthritis set up in it. I stayed in the hospital most of the time. The pains were so severe I could hardly stand them. They fed me through the veins, and gave me shots for the pains, but the pains became so bad that the shots didn't do any good. They could not do surgical work, for the injury was too close to the spine. I went to the Church of God at Wallins where Brother Parrott is the pastor. I got in the healing line and when he prayed for me, God wonderfully healed me. All the pain

was gone. That has been over one year ago and the healing is good today.

—Mrs. J. L. Price

### **Praises God for Healing**

NEWARK, Ohio—I feel that I should testify of my healing. I returned home from a church service feeling fine. I leaned over the davenport and was struck in the back with an awful pain. I fell on the davenport and could not move one way or another. I wrote a telephone number down on paper and my little girl called some sisters in the church. Sister Bryson and Sister Thomas came to pray for me. The Lord touched my body so that I could move and get up, but the pain was still there. I fasted all the next day and went back to church that night. Our pastor's wife, Sister Stroupe, laid her hands on my back and prayed, and God completely healed me. Only God knows what the devil tried to afflict me with. I love the Lord with all my heart. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and am a member of the Church of God.

—Mrs. Angeline Phillips

### **Instantly Healed of Heart and Stomach Trouble**

MONTICELLO, Fla.—I want to praise God for His great healing power. I had been suffering with a pain at my heart for about three years off and on. At times I would bend over with my head to my knees and it would hurt so bad. It began hurting me so often that I

knew I could not live much longer if I didn't get better. After I would eat anything I would have a burning in my chest and I was miserable. Also, I had sharp pains in the lower part of my stomach for two years or more. I do not go to a doctor or use any medicine. I have not taken a dose of medicine since 1917. I have been trusting God for my body ever since I was saved in 1917. I had been prayed for many times, but for some cause I was not healed. On January 24 I went out to our pastor's home, Brother and Sister Rewls. They prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully healed me that day. I haven't had any more pains about my heart or stomach since. I want all readers of the *Evangel* and friends to pray for me that I will ever do the will of my God. Praise His wonderful name. I am 67 years of age and I love the Lord because He is so precious to me. I am on my journey home and in just a little while I shall be at my home that God has prepared for me.

—B. L. Dubose

### **Healed of Sinus Trouble**

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I want to thank and praise God for healing me of sinus trouble. Brother Mitchell prayed for me right after he came here to pastor and God wonderfully healed me, for which I am thankful. Pray for me that I will do whatever God wants me to do.

—Sister Zella Taylor

### **Healed of Arthritis**

WALLINS CREEK, Ky.—I had arthritis in my back and hips so bad I could hardly get out of the bed. I went to church Sunday night and the Holy Ghost came down in such a wonderful way. I was prayed for by our pastor, Brother Parrott, and God instantly healed me. I had bad eyes in 1955 and was prayed for, and my eyes are yet healed. I praise Jesus for His healing power.

—Sister Otis Roe

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## HATHCOCK

Funeral services for the Reverend J. L. Hathcock were held at the West Asheville, N. C., Church of God, March 5, 1957. Another service was conducted at the Liberty Hill Baptist Church near Albemarle, North Carolina. The Reverend A. V. Childers and the Reverend Harold F. Douglas officiated, with the Reverend Archie Luke assisting in the absence of the state overseer, the Reverend L. H. Aultman.

Brother Hathcock departed this life in a glorious manner. After having preached Sunday morning, March 3, at the Candler No. 1 Church for the Reverend F. R. Layell, he returned home to spend a few hours with his only son, L. Lavoy Hathcock, who was visiting from Cleveland, Tennessee. After his son left to return home, Brother and Sister Hathcock decided to visit the West Asheville Church of God for the evening service. The Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative of Church of God Missions, was scheduled to speak and show pictures relating to his work.

Brother Hathcock was called upon to open the service with prayer. Later, he was recognized by the pastor to testify, since he had been away for several week-end services. His testimony was accompanied by his usual fervency. With the Holy Ghost witnessing, he waved his hand to Brother Horton, saying, "If I never see you any more down here, I'll see you over yonder."

Asking for permission to sing his song "Amazing Grace," he came forward toward the piano and sang with the congregation while tears were flowing freely down his face. Returning to his seat, he shook hands with those around him and

sat down beside Sister Hathcock. She observed that he looked different and asked him if he were ill.

He reached over and patted her and replied, "Very sick." Those were his last words. Prayer was called for immediately.

Brother Horton and the pastor went to his side and began to pray. The church prayed. In a little while the truth was known. Brother Hathcock had been promoted to glory. An ambulance was called. He was taken to a hospital. An attempt was made to revive him with oxygen and adrenalin, but the Lord had called for him.

Brother Hathcock had often stated that he wanted to leave from the church when the time came for him to go. The Lord granted that desire. "Uncle Bud" and "Amazing Grace," as he was affectionately known, had a dramatic exit from this world and a glorious ushering into the next with the Holy Ghost as his companion. Although his ministry of twenty-seven years was not filled with large pastorates or spectacular evangelism, yet he will be long remembered for his devotion and loyalty to his church. He served as evangelist and pastor in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Maine, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Three years before he died, he retired from full-time ministry to preaching week ends.

The Church of God at West Asheville will miss a loyal member, a faithful husband, and a loving father. Brother ministers in a body were at both services, adding to the depth of appreciation and respect shown by the attendance and floral offering. Brother Hathcock is survived by his wife, son, granddaughter, two sisters, and several nephews and nieces.

—Harold F. Douglas, pastor

## DUNN

Sister Lela Warbington Dunn passed away January 13, 1957, at the home of her daughter. She was a member of the Goodwill Church of God, Route 1, Marks, Mississippi. We know that this sister died in the faith. Just before passing from this life, she called for her pastor to come to her bedside. This is what she had to say, "I have what I want and that is Jesus. I am going home to be with Him now, no more suffering when I get over there, praise the Lord." She was seventy-two years old. We miss her at church, but she is where we are working to go. By the grace of God we shall see Mother Dunn one great day.

—John D. Statum, pastor

## WOODLIEF

Brother J. C. Woodlief departed this life on January 9, 1957. He had been a member of the Church of God for thirteen years. He was a charter member and one of the founders of the North Henderson Church of God. Our loss is heaven's gain.

—Mrs. Walter Grissom, reporter

## PRINDLE

My dearly beloved husband, John Prindle, passed away; Jesus took him home. He was born on July 11, 1879. He was seventy-seven years, six months, and thirteen days old. He bore his afflictions and suffering with patience. He has gone to that mansion Jesus went to prepare for all who love and obey Him. He left his wife, four sons, two daughters, and a grandson. We miss him so but we shall meet him, nevermore to depart. He is gone but never forgotten. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Williamsburg, Kentucky. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Brother David Shepherd.

—Mrs. Mary Prindle, wife



# Spreading the Flame

## OF EVANGELISM

### THE EVANGELIST

The evangelist is a very important individual for he is a bearer of good news—the gospel of Jesus Christ—and should be held in high esteem by all. Everyone should remember also, that he has no certain dwelling place but is driven from pillar to post, and many times for the sake of the gospel he leaves behind a precious wife and helpless little children who are looking to him for support. Too many times a pastor will cancel his meeting, leaving him and his family to the mercy of the world. I know of a good evangelist who recently lost two full months because of cancellations. This should not be.

#### Thou Shalt Not Muzzle the Mouth of the Ox 1 Corinthians 9:9

Paul, in speaking of the minister and his support refers to the commandment of God, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox (evangelist)." When the evangelist labors for you and your church, you as pastor should see to it that he gets as much as you get each week. Remember, he has a car note, gasoline bill, rent, and a family to feed; think of the time he is forced to lose. No one is more important than the evangelist and his program, for if the evangelist and evangelism fail, we are all sunk.

#### Jealousy

The pastor should not be jealous of the evangelist. When the evangelist preaches well and the people show their appreciation of him, the pastor should remember that he must have influence in order to help. The pastor should by all means back up the evangelist with his prayers and his amens. Remember the wise man said in Song of Solomon 8:6, "Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Let each one of us work together for the advancement of the cause of Christ upon earth.

Earl P. Paulk  
Assistant General Overseer



#### Skiatook, Oklahoma

The church in Skiatook was organized with fourteen members on October 23, 1956. The Reverend E. G. Anderson is responsible for digging out this work.



#### Lawton, Michigan

The Reverend Luther Terry is responsible for the work at the Lawton church. It was organized September 8 with eighteen members.



#### Lincoln Park Church Detroit, Michigan

A new church was organized December 30, 1956, at Lincoln Park, with thirteen members. The Reverend Don Logan is responsible for digging out this new work.



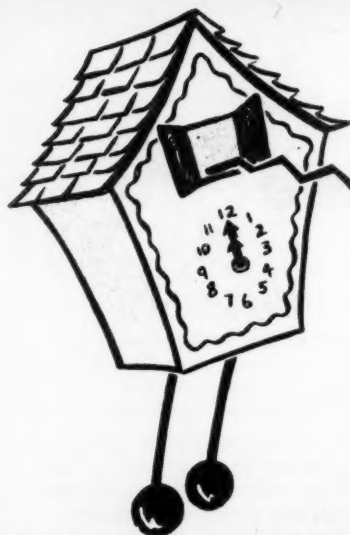
#### Dothan, Alabama

The Reverend Lynn Trotter is largely responsible for the reorganization of the church in Dothan. Two nice corner lots were donated by a realtor without cost, and a two-story building is being erected. The church was organized October 21, 1956, with eight members.



#### Crossville, Alabama

Sister Gertie Curtis with her son, Paul, dug out a new work at Crossville, Alabama. The church was organized August 11, 1956, with nine members. The church work is increasing in every department. A building has been purchased and converted into a place of worship.




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